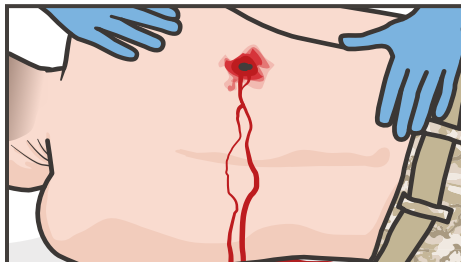
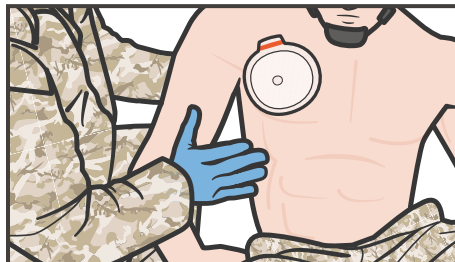


# CHEST SEAL



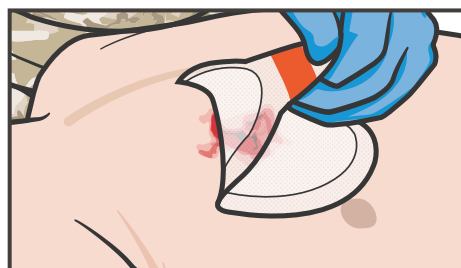
**10 CHECK/FEEL** for additional open wounds (anterior, posterior, and axillary). Treat any additional wounds with vented chest seals if needed.



**11 PLACE** conscious casualty into a sitting position or an unconscious casualty in the recovery position (with their injured side down).

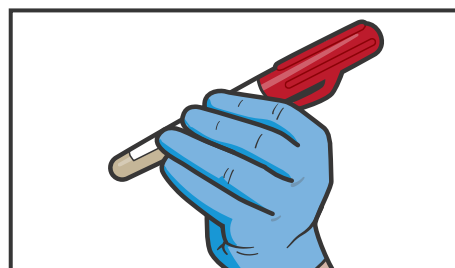


**12 MONITOR** for signs of a tension pneumothorax.

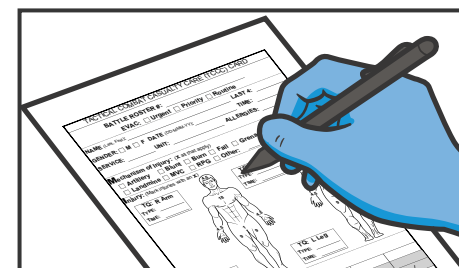


**13** If signs of a tension pneumothorax develop, **LIFT** one edge of the vented chest seal to allow decompression ("burping" the seal)

**NOTE:** Alternatively, remove the chest seal for a few seconds to decompress and then reapply or replace it with a new commercial vented chest seal.



**14** If signs of a tension pneumothorax persist despite burping the seal, **PERFORM** a needle decompression of the chest (see Needle Decompression of the Chest Instruction).



**15 DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.